SOUTH AFRICAN RADIO LEAGUE NEWS FOR SUNDAY 7 JUNE 2020

Good morning and welcome to the weekly news bulletin of the South African Radio League read by ..... [your name, call sign and QTH]

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In the news today:

TWO YOUTH EVENTS COMING UP

THE SARL TOP BAND QSO PARTY

and

MY PROJECT IN THE JUNE RADIO ZS

Stay tuned for more information on these and other interesting news items.

We start the bulletin with news of a silent key.

It is with deep regret that we must announce that the key of Peter Tottle, ZS2ABF went silent on Wednesday 13 May 2020 at the age of 82.

We extend our sincere condolences to his family and friends.

PAUSE

TWO YOUTH EVENTS COMING UP

The Hammies Sprint will be held from 14:00 to 15:00 UTC on Sunday 14 June 2020 with phone activity on 40 meters. The exchange is an RS report and your provincial abbreviation. Submit your log in ADIF or Cabrillo with a summary sheet or MS Excel format by 15 June 2020 and sent by e-mail to chairman@zs6zu.org.za or zr6dx@iafrica.com

The first leg of the SARL Youth Sprint will be run from 12:00 to 14:00 UTC on Tuesday 16 June, which is a public holiday. It is a CW and phone sprint on the 40-meter band and the exchange is an RS or RST report and the operators' age. Submit your log in ADIF or Cabrillo with a summary sheet or use the MS Excel available from the League website. Sent the log by 23:59 CAT on Sunday 21 June 2020 by e-mail to zs4bfn@mweb.co.za

Get the full set of rules in the 2020 Blue Book.

THE NARC GETS A FACELIFT

At the February and March Council meetings, Council approved the quotation for maintenance to the NARC, but nothing could be done until level 3 started on 1 June. The water leak in the roof above the conference room has been

repaired and the building has been painted. There are photos on the SARL Facebook page.

THE SARL TOP BAND QSO PARTY

The Top Band QSO Party, which runs from 00:00 UTC on Thursday 18 June to 00:00 UTC on Monday 22 June, gives you the opportunity to obtain the QSOs for the SARL Top Band Certificate and increase the number of grid squares you have worked on 160 meters.

This is a CW and phone contest and the exchange is an RS or RST report and your provincial or country abbreviation. You may work the same station once per mode. Submit your log by 29 June 2020 by e-mail to contest@sarl.org.za.

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ARE YOU INTERESTED IN THE HISTORY OF THE SARL?

Are you interested in the history of the SARL or looking for information about your Club? Visit the National Automated Archival Information Retrieval System (NAAIRS) web site at www.national.archives.gov.za/naairs.htm and do a search on South African Radio League. There is a lot of documents at the Archives in Cape Town.

MY PROJECT IN THE JUNE RADIO ZS

The SARL Council was asked to decide on the winner of the My Project articles on the June 2020 Radio ZS. The winner of the SARL Membership is Eddie Leighton, ZS6BNE for his project about the mobile phone/trail camera.

AIRWAVES KEPT ABUZZ FOR 95 YEARS

That is the title of the article in Bloem News of 4 June 2020 making use of the press release issued by Hans van de Groenendaal, ZS6AKV, and local information provided by Dennis Green, ZS4BS. The article includes a photo of Bloemfontein's first radio amateur WE Dixon Bennett, A3V, and a photo of Charly, ZS4/DK3ZL, and members of the Bloemfontein ARC chatting via the QO-100 satellite.

Did other newspapers around the country carry the press release about the 95th birthday of the SARL?

PROPAGATION REPORT

Hannes Coetzee, ZS6BZP, reports that the solar activity is expected to remain at low levels. There is currently only a single sunspot with a simple magnetic configuration visible. There is a possibility of minor flaring activity. If you want to do your own frequency predictions, the expected effective sunspot number for the week will be around one. The 15 to 30 m bands will, especially around sunrise and sunset, provide some DX fun. For more information, please visit the website spaceweather.sansa.org.za

Finally, a Diary of some upcoming events:

14 June – The Hammies Sprint

16 June – Public holiday and the SARL Youth Sprint

17 June – World QRP Day

18 to 22 June – The SARL Top Band QSO party

20 June – The Winter Solstice and the SARL 95 40 m Club Sprint

21 June - Annular solar eclipse

To conclude our bulletin, a quick overview of our main news item:

The Hammies Sprint will be held from 14:00 to 15:00 UTC on Sunday 14 June and the first leg of the SARL Youth Sprint will be run from 12:00 to 14:00 UTC on Tuesday 16 June, which is a public holiday.

This concludes our bulletin for this morning.

We invite clubs and individuals to submit news items of interest to radio amateurs and shortwave listeners, in both English and Afrikaans, if possible, by following the News Inbox link on the South African Radio League web page. News items to include in the bulletin should reach the news team no later than the Thursday preceding the bulletin date.

You are welcome to join us every Sunday morning for the weekly radio program, Amateur Radio Today at 10:00 Central African Time. The program can be heard on VHF and UHF repeaters countrywide and on 7 082 kHz lower sideband. A rebroadcast by Andy, ZS6ADY, can be heard on Monday evenings at 19:30 Central African Time on 3 620 kHz. We welcome your signal reports, comments and suggestions; please send these by e-mail to artoday@sarl.org.za.

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From the news team, best wishes for the week ahead.